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WILL RICHMOND DESTROY ITS SOUL?

Learn to give, and not to take;
 To earn your own money wants to
 In the happiness of lending you're to
 Fulfill the interests of your nearest
 And dearest to you—Henry Scott Hol-
 land.

"Education Week."

Under the direction of the State Department of Public Instruction, it is proposed to hold in Richmond from November 25th to November 30th, inclusive, a great State conference in the interest of education. Invitations have been sent to division superintendents, trustees, members of county boards of supervisors, members of the State Co-operative Association, teachers and friends of education generally, to attend. The meeting has been well advertised, and response received indicates a large attendance, provided only Richmond will agree to entertain the visitors. It will cost several thousand dollars, but the money must be raised. Richmond has done much to carry on the educational crusade. She gave practically all the money used in the famous "Men's campaign." But she must do more. She is the center of the State, she is the largest and most important in the State, and more is expected of her than of any other city.

If our hospitality be offered, it is the belief of the promoters that the meeting will be the greatest of the kind ever held in any State. Such a meeting would be worth a hundred times the cost of it. Governor Swain and Mayor McCarthy are giving the enterprise—for it is an enterprise—their earnest and cordial support. The Governor, we are sure, for us know that the success of this meeting is vital to the educational interests of the State. He declares that educational sentiment in Virginia was never so strong as now, but he gives warning that if we let the precious season pass without crystallizing it, the movement will go backward instead of forward. It is now or never. The State can do nothing more until the Legislature meets again. Therefore the only way to increase the school fund is by local taxation, and of the special objects of the "education week" is to create and strengthen sentiment in that direction.

Richmond is an educational centre, and it is especially proper that the only should be held here. The meeting will help the cause of education in our own city and add to our prestige. On the other hand the influence of the meeting will extend to the interior parts of the State, and Richmond is under moral obligation because she is the seat of government to provide it every way possible to set the cause of education throughout the States. It is as much our duty to do this as it is for a parent to educate his children.

The guests are invited and beloved, and give their hearty endorsement, it is to be hoped, and it would be no surprise to do so. Between invited delegations already received, at least one thousand more will be needed. It must be raised.

The Pennsylvania Capitol.

Governor Pennypacker's speech in defense of the enormous expenditures on Pennsylvania's statehouse is worse than puny. He says that the Capitol and its appendages have been paid out of revenue. Not so. He had a certain amount of money to pay out of the treasury, and all the money expended in their direction have been taken out of the general fund, and have been deducted among the citizens of the State.

It is the doctrine, and it has been recognized from the beginning, that the Union could not have been formed otherwise, but Mr. Roosevelt has shown a disposition to override it, to revolutionize our whole scheme of government, to take from the States their powers and confide them upon the Federal government, and to force the Federal government to exercise powers beyond those delegated by the Constitution. It is most significant that the new proposals to put on the spot propose that such a man who is likely to succeed with his views, and it makes no difference of State rights since none.

Bruce's Chances.

John W. Bruce, who has been passing on the Southwest in behalf of Mr. H. H. Fairchild's company, has now come to the rescue of the Pennsylvania legislature, and has been instrumental in getting the bill through. The State assembly had decided to do nothing, and the Senate, after some debate, had voted to postpone it. Now, however, the bill has passed, and has been signed by the governor.

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PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

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Some people are born bad, some achieve badness, and others have the misfortune to live on bad men.

The United States Army has discovered a new sport. It is technically known as "Shooting."

One bullet or two, the word "Terror" is acquired more unfortunate connotation.

There's plenty of room at the top, but there's no place like the way of success.

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The Fact of the Young Men.

There are more young men in the country than there are old men.

Young men are more numerous than old men.